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Letter dated 17 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text in English and French of a statement on Myanmar (formerly Burma) issued by the European Community and its member States on 12 March 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 115 (b) and (c) of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Myanmar issued by the European Community and its member States on 12 March 1993

The Community and its member States welcome the adoption on 10 March 1993 by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) of the consensus resolution on the human rights situation in Burma (Myanmar), which was co-sponsored by the Community and its member States.

The Community and its member States especially urge the Government of Burma (Myanmar) to release immediately and unconditionally the Nobel Peace Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, detained without trial for the last four years, as well as other detained political leaders and all political prisoners excluded from the preparation of the new constitution.

They urge the Government of Burma (Myanmar) to accelerate the process towards democracy by allowing all citizens to participate freely in the political process, in particular through convening the Parliament elected in May 1990, and to restore full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Community and its member States attach strong importance to the international consensus shown by the adoption of the resolution and strongly urge the Government of Burma (Myanmar) as a Member of the United Nations and signatory to the United Nations human rights instruments to fulfil its obligations under these instruments.